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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takahiro ITO and Jun MATSUZAKI  
Entitled "PNEUMATIC TIRES"  
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
Our Reference: Q62668

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for filing are the application papers identified above comprising thirty-five (35) sheets of the specification, including seventeen (17) claims and an Abstract of the Disclosure, fourteen (14) sheets of drawings, an executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595, and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. A Preliminary Amendment is also submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee, after entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	17	-	20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	\$80.00	=	\$160.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$870.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fee									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>									<b>\$910.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$870.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge any difference or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

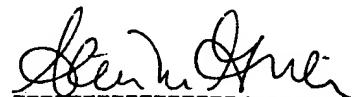
Priority is claimed from June 22, 2000, and September 8, 2000, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-187,148 and 2000-273,229, respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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